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1. SUMMARY. MINISTER OF STATE MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UNGA 7TH SS TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ON JULY 9, INDICATING THAT VENEZUELA SEES ISSUES INVOLVED AS COMING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE NIEO. PEREZ GUERRERO EMPHASIZED THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE TO THE 7TH SS AND SUGGESTED THAT A CONCEPT OF CHANGE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. ROBINSON REVIEWED US PREPARATIONS FOR THE 7TH SS. PEREZ GUERRERO IS EXPECTED TO REPRESENT VENEZUELA AT THE 7TH SS. END SUMMARY

2. IN MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON JULY 9, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO BROUGHT UP 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THAT RESULTS OF THE 6TH SS WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO VENEZUELA. THERE WAS NO NEED TO REAFFIRM THIS AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION, BUT THERE IS A NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN A PRACTICAL WAY TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS. VENEZUELA LOOKS AT SUCH ACTIONS AS COMING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. PEREZ GUERRERO RECOGNIZED THAT THE US MAY SEE THIS QUESTION IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

3. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT THE NIEO REALLY REPRESENTS IN TERMS OF MODIFICATION OF THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM. THERE IS NO POINT IN ARGUING THIS ISSUE RHETORICALLY OR PHILOSOPHICALLY; INSTEAD, WE SHOULD TRY TO AGREE TO PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN WHICH WE BOTH HAVE COMMON INTERESTS. THE US POSITION FOR THE 7TH SS IS STILL NOT FIRM BUT WE
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EXPECT IT TO EMPHASIZE THREE ELEMENTS: 1) THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, 2) ACTION WITH RESPECT TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS, AND 3) GUIDELINES ON INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS WHICH MIGHT BE APPLIED TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPECTS TO TOUCH ON THESE MATTERS IN A SPEECH IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND WILL ELABORATE ON THEM AT THE 7TH SS.

4. PEREZ GUERRERO COMMENTED THAT VENEZUELA HAD HOPED THAT THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE COULD BE RESUMED BEFORE THE 7TH SS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PARIS TALKS. PEREZ GUERRERO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE THREE AREAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE US ARE A PART OF THE BROAD PROGRAM OF THE GROUP OF 77, ABOUT WHICH THERE HAD BEEN NO MEETING OF THE MINDS WITH THE US AND OTHER DCS. HE SAID VENEZUELA RECOGNIZES THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING WITH RESPECT TO THE FOOD PROBLEM. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE COMMODITY AREA IS A CRITICAL FIELD, OF WHICH FOOD IS A PART. WITH RESPECT TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, HE COMMENTED THAT THE US IS ITSELF CONCERNED INTERNALLY WITH SUCH PROBLEMS. PEREZ GUERRERO STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME SORT OF INSTRUMENT TO COMMIT NATIONS TO A PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO MNCS BUT HE EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON SAID THAT THE US DOES NOT PLAN TO PRESENT A "CODE" WITH RELATION TO MNC'S BUT RATHER TO DISCUSS GENERAL GUIDELINES. ONE QUESTION THAT NEEDS FURTHER DISCUSSION IS WHETHER ANY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ABOUT MECHANISMS THAT MIGHT HELP ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH A CODE, IF ONE IS DEVELOPED. BUT, THE US WOULD DO NO ONE A SERVICE BY AGREEING TO A SET OF RULES WHICH WOULD PREVENT PRIVATE INVESTMENT FROM RESPONDING TO THE INVESTMENT NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. SPEAKING GENERALLY, PEREZ GUERRERO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF CHANGE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AT THE 7TH SS. THE WORLD IS IN A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. THE US MAY NOT WISH TO MOVE AS FAR OR AS FAST AS VENEZUELA BUT WE
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NEED TO EXPLORE THOSE AREAS WHERE WE CAN AGREE TO "WALK TOGETHER". HE ASSURED US THAT IT WAS NOT VENEZUELA'S INTENT TO DISMISS THE OLD ORDER ENTIRELY. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH RESPECT TO MARKED FORCES, WE SHOULD ACKNOLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE NOT OPERATED WELL IN EVERY INSTANCE AND SHOULD TRY TO IMPROVE SUCH SITUATIONS. THE WORLD IS IN A STATE OF FLUX AND WE SHOULD TRY TO CREATE A NEW, MORE STABLE SITUATION ON A NEW PLANE. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON SAID THAT WE ARE ENTERING A PERIOD OF CONTINUING CHANGE-- A DYNAMIC PROCESS. WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT RATHER THAN WITH MAKING A MOVE FROM THE PRESENT POSITION TO ANOTHER STATIC SITUATION SUCH AS IS ENVISIONED IN THE CONCEPT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE ALSO POINTED

OUT THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION
OF MARKED FORCES IN CASES WHERE THEY DO NOT WORK
AS WELL AS THEY SHOULD RATHER THAN TO DISPLACE
THEM IN SUCH CASES.

7. COMMENT. DR. PEREZ GUERRERO CONFIRMED TO AN EMBASSY
OFFICER THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT
VENEZUELA AT THE 7TH SS.
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